

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment to the application. The amendment is made to conform the application to conventional US practice. No new matter is added.

The specification has been amended to include a Cross-Reference to Related Applications section which recites a claim for priority in conventional form, including identification of the prior applications by serial number and filing date. The Cross-Reference section properly claims the benefit of previously filed International and Australian patent applications and specifically identifies the relationship between the present nonprovisional United States application and the intermediate prior nonprovisional International application, which application was filed within twelve months of the filing date of the beneficial Australian application.

The claims have been amended as follows:

Original claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 15, 22-24, 26-38, 41, and 45-48 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2-3, 7-11, 14, 16, 17, 19-21, 25, 39, 40, 42 and 44, have been amended as indicated in the listing of claims provided beginning on page 3 hereof.

The Abstract has been amended to provide an Abstract not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72 (b). No new matter has been added.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to an International Search Report prepared by the Australian International Searching Authority as annex to corresponding International Application No. PCT/AU2005/00032 and submitted

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herewith. The citations identified in the International Search Report are indicted in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently herewith.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry and allowance of all claims, and prompt passage of this application to issue is earnestly solicited.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 868-8870 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a), to extend the time for filing a response to an outstanding Office Action, or any communication filed in this application by this firm, by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135.

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The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to Deposit Account No. 50-3950 of Bergman & Song LLP, under Order No. HT5000-0001-P001.

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